Introduction to Philosophy
Exit Competencies
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1. Students should be adequately able to identify the major areas of philosophy (e.g., metaphysics, epistemology, ethics and political philosophy, and logic) and explain and analyze (perhaps with reference to historical figures) some of the major philosophical problems in several of these areas.

2. Students should be adequately able to identify and evaluate arguments in general and on philosophical topics.

3. Students should be adequately able to develop and defend a thesis on philosophical topics.

4. Students should be willing to critically examine their own views, to try to understand those of others, and to appreciate that on complex matters reasonable people can disagree.